



Nevada GEAR UP

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Five Year Award: \$10,776,122.00
Approximate Number of students served over five years: 3000
GEAR UP project description:

Changing the Culture by Raising Expectations

The GEAR UP grant is a collaborative effort of the Nevada Governor's Office, the Nevada Treasurer's Office, University and Community College System of Nevada, the Nevada Department of Education, Wells Fargo Bank, USA Funds and other stakeholders including parents, students, educators, business and agency representatives. Nevada's vision is to change the culture of low achieving students who are economically disadvantaged so they are prepared academically and have the resources to attend and succeed in college. An amount of \$10,700,000 over 5 years will be available for program and scholarship purposes. Approximately \$2.1 million dollars will be available each year. Half of this amount each year (\$1,000,000) will be used for program and academic advancement and the other half will be invested in an endowment fund for future scholarship assistance.

GEAR UP Program resources will be used to support these goals:

- Improve academic achievement and increase high school proficiency exam scores.
- Decrease high school dropout rate, increase high school graduation rate, and increase enrollment in college preparation coursework.

GEAR UP Scholarship resources will be used to support:

- Increase college-going rate and increase number of graduates from GEAR UP high schools who receive Millennium or GEAR UP Scholarships.

GEAR UP will continue implemented in six Nevada counties including: Clark, Elko, Humboldt, Mineral, Nye and Washoe. High schools with a high disadvantaged population are targeted for services and grant resources. The program will continue in the 2003-04 school year with 9th graders as a cohort group and progress with them until 12th grade. Each one of the preselected districts and schools involved committed matching resources in order to qualify for the state grant application.

The strength of the partners, activities and evaluation process will become a positive template as part of Nevada's Comprehensive preK-16 Education System in Nevada. The Federal Government and Nevada's investment will be \$21,400,000 (half of the resources are required as a match) over five years including federal, state and local resources.

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